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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 13th March**, at the **Bromley Public Library, 232, Brunswick Road, Poplar**, when **Miss Margaret E. Day** will read a paper on **Geoffrey Chaucer**, which will be illustrated with lantern slides. The proceedings will commence at **7.30 p.m.**

It is a long time since the Association had a purely literary evening, and this should prove an attractive variation in the usually technical character of the meetings. Moreover, Geoffrey Chaucer always makes irresistible appeal to all who have an interest in the great heritage of our national literature, and it is hoped that there may be a goodly attendance on this occasion.

The Bromley Library is easily accessible from all parts of London ; Bromley Station on the District Railway (Barking or East Ham trains) is within 8 minutes' walk ; South Bromley, on the North London Railway from Broad Street (Poplar trains) is an equal distance ; motor-buses from the Elephant and Castle, Marylebone, Ladbroke Grove, and Finsbury Park pass the end of the Brunswick Road (Blackwall Tunnel), as also do the cars from Bloomsbury and Aldgate.

## EDITORIAL.

**Future Distribution of This Journal.**—With a view to saving stationery and postage, it is suggested that where a large number of *Assistants* is sent to any one library system they might with advantage be addressed collectively to some individual

who will undertake to see that they are safely and rapidly distributed. The idea seems a good one, and has been considered by the Council. In order that it may be tried as early as possible, it is requested that offers of assistance shall be sent to the Hon. Editor at once. These are critical days in the Association's history, and any means by which we may husband our depleted income will, we are sure, receive the cordial support of all our members.

**The Professional Examinations.**—We understand that the Annual Examinations of the Library Association will be held during the week commencing 13th May. In future, the preliminary test will be held twice each year, viz., in May and October.

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### OUR "APPOINTMENTS BUREAU."

We are greatly encouraged by the promise of increasing service which our new venture seems to make. It is eminently desirable that assistants themselves should take more active interest in the scheme: a larger number of "registrations" is looked for, even though no immediate results are in prospect. Every member registering should give full and precise details of his or her qualifications and requirements, particularly as to age, length and character of experience, and salary required. All information thus received is regarded as strictly private and confidential, and is necessary merely for guidance. As has already been said, the Association simply acts in the capacity of an agent and accepts no responsibility of any description: at the same time every effort will be made to give satisfaction to all parties concerned, for in this way the interests of the whole profession will be knit together, and the Association will become still more firmly established and consolidated.

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### WEDDING.

\*PURNELL-GLANVILL.—On 7th February, at Lee, H. Rutherford Purnell, librarian of the Public Library of South Australia, and formerly Honorary Editor of *The Library Assistant*, was married by special license to Miss Isabella Glanvill. Mr. Purnell has recently come to England with the Australian Field Artillery, and will shortly proceed to France. On behalf of his many friends we offer him our congratulations and sincere wishes for a safe and speedy return to Australia.

\*Honorary Fellow, L.A.A.

## A NOTE ON SOME LIBRARY PROBLEMS AND TENDENCIES.

By HARRY G. SURETIES, Shepherd's Hill Library.

Whether we agree or differ with the poet who held that:—

"Prophecy which dreams a lie  
That Fools believe and Knaves apply,"

we may, nevertheless, apply intelligent anticipation, with profit to ourselves, to the future of public library tendencies. At the moment, we are witnessing, "as in a glass darkly," the upheaval of the whole economic and social system. We stand at the parting of the ways. Of one thing only can we be certain, and that is, that social, political and economic changes are succeeding one another with startling rapidity. Vast and comprehensive factors are at work. Only a miracle can retard the work of social and economic reorganisation: a work in which public libraries are destined to play an important, and, let us hope, a pre-eminent part. A few moments may well be spent in taking stock, and in estimating some of the problems and inevitable tendencies.

It requires no very great imagination to anticipate the possible transmigration of the whole superstructure of public library authority. The war has, the writer thinks, brought the public library nearer to the control of the educational authority. Leaving out of consideration any opinion as to whether such control is desirable or not, it is difficult to see what alternative is possible, consistent with an increasing claim and desire for educational *rapprochement*. The significance of the new educational proposals will not have escaped the observant. Technical education in all its ramifications, will receive an impetus which will sweep along the public library system in its wake. New sources of wealth and production must be found, if this England of ours is to play its part in regaining much that has been lost; in retaining and improving, that which we hold, and in acquiring and grasping, fresh conceptions of industrial activity. The enormous potentialities of technical education, are sufficiently indicated by mentioning but three directions in which vast strides are portended, *i.e.*, electrical energy, aeronautics and chemical analysis. After the war, the demand for technical literature will be enormous. To meet that demand, a greater appreciation of the necessity for specialisation and co-operation is absolutely essential: the need for some form of intercalation of library resources will be increasingly felt. The narrow parochial view of librarianship must give place to a wider and more complete recognition of technical aid and research work. The provision of some form of central clearing house and library

exchange bureau has been mooted more than once, and seems to promise the best results.

Educational authority control will inevitably bring in its train, library schools and compulsory examinations. Indeed, library schools will probably materialise in any circumstances. There is much to be said for and against educational control. With the full weight and authority of educational influence and direction behind it, public library activity would be immensely strengthened, *but* at the cost of its freedom, and power to develop on its own lines. The powers that be need to display considerable acumen and perspicacity, in avoiding the creation of any impression of lack of sympathy with educational aims, while indicating obvious and manifest grounds for a belief in library development on parallel, rather than equivalent lines.

In another direction, the war has aggravated rather than mitigated the old problem of the junior assistant. Three years will have done more than merely increase his height and chest measurement. Those years of war experience will have vitally altered his whole view of life, not necessarily and comparatively improving his worth to library service. But a grateful state has decided that when the individual is able, willing, and old enough to fight for his country he is worthy a voice in its administration, and substantiates that view by presenting him with a vote. When the state thus hall-marks the man, the fatuity of attempting to treat him as a child in the matter of remuneration is painfully apparent. The return of the battle scarred junior to find a temporary assistant filling his old position and earning a salary possibly in excess of his own pre-war pay, plus several years' experience, is an impossible picture. The bad old days of junior exploitation have passed: a new era begins.

Another factor, as yet hardly discernible, is the influx of temporary women assistants into the ranks of library workers. The temporary woman worker question is not peculiar to library conditions, but permeates every place of industrial and commercial activity. The fear that the competition of women will lower remuneration can only be mitigated by placing them on a salaried equality with men. Any other procedure will create the position of the exploitation of women for selfish and base ends: a condition not unknown even in public library history. In the accomplishment of an effort to eradicate an inherent tendency to superficiality and irresponsibility, women's success in library work as in other spheres is not in question.

The confirming of temporary assistants as permanent ones is unfortunately largely governed by pure considerations of chance. The temptation to confirm appointments simply on the

grounds of a nodding acquaintance with elementary duties has palpable dangers which must be guarded against. Some form of selective choice based on capability is clearly needed, taking into consideration the circumstances that many temporary assistants with inherent possibilities will be forced to seek other spheres for their capabilities. On the other hand, many lacking the necessary qualifications will gain admittance to work with which they have no real affinity.

He who runs may read. The watchman on the tower, reading the signs of the democratic times, will need no admonition as to the significance of certain provisions in the new suffrage proposals. That, for instance, in which, for electoral purposes, London is to be regarded as a whole—the removal from one London district to another is not, be it noted, to disqualify the voter. This is a step towards the unification of London and almost presages what has often been advocated, *i.e.*, the equalization of London taxation. It is probably simply a question of time when a uniform or flat rate will be the basis of London's taxation—north, east, west, and south. Whether such an innovation would be welcomed by the wealthy London boroughs is a moot point; there can be no doubt as to the effects on the poorer London library districts.

The solution of all these problems and difficulties, is connoted in the removal of the rate limit. "The old order changeth," the old economic standard of value is impossible with the new order of things. It is the story of the new wine and old bottles anew. We must either go forward or backward; there is no standing still. From whatever standpoint we view the future and its complexities, the necessity of a readjustment of the financial basis, is a concomitant. There are signs that this is being publicly recognised, and it is the public appreciation of the fact that matters. The case for the abolition of the rate limit, has always suffered by reason of an inability to carry with us public recognition. A glorious opportunity presents itself in this time of national need. Can we!—shall we!—grasp it?

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#### SAMUEL PEPYS JNR. PAYS A VISIT TO A MUNICIPAL LIBRARY.\*

I this past sennight to bed, by reason of a grievous sciatick rheum. So by the advisement of my chyrugien, to B—— by motor-coach. This be a mighty fine system of conveyance, and it shall doubly profit me in that I, as a

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\*From *The Medley*, read at a meeting of the South Coast Branch, 23rd January, 1918. See Report of Meeting on page 164.

good citizen, have refrained me from using of the loco-coach, as is expressly desired in the moment; likewise do I find myself empocketed in monies to no mean extent—to wit, by the non-payment of my loco ticquet fee in that I did avail myself of my worthy friend Smythe, his offer to convey me friendly-wise. So do I find myself in great content.

Being mightily persuaded by mine worthy host I did hie me with what grace I might muster to the Municipal Book Store which hath, owing to the Bookman Directeur, his engaging graces, spread forth its fame, even to the Indies, wherefore I doubt me not that even the Royall Princes do respectfully enter under the portals thereof. Methinks I may this wayes gain me much impressement in highe places and I do owe this to the honour of the house of Pepys.

I, first to the Newschamber, and therein observing a goodly array of news-sheets did betake me to one forthwith, but my content thereof was in some measure marred by reason of a naughty fellow who for my surcoat did profess a highly displeasing affection, to my much discontent. Furthermore a compressment of the atmosphere did greatly add to my discomfiture, wherefore I did right speedily withdraw me, being fearsome of an attaque of the megrims. I to the Burgesses methinks may indite an insistent that they do cease from this discomfortable and unprofitable habit to expend vast monies for the much encouragement of naughty peoples who would be better advised in these parlous dayes that be to adventure on more profitable usages of their leisures.

Presently, I to the Loan Chamber, and did there perceiv a great confluence of peoples, such as did amaze me mightily as in resembling above all thinges to the provisione queues whereto there be so much proneness since 18 mos. gone.

Did enquire me of one of the bookmaidens, whereby, as a resultment of this most grievous warr the chamber is served, and did obtaine me information of great moment as to the good conduct of this department. Beseemeth it that upon the safe presenting of a ticquet a person may avail him of the loan of one volume about per diem. Methinks 'tis a most ingenious device whereof I do intend to advantage me. I to my wife that the wretch do not henceforthe to surcharge my accompt of two guineas per annum of the reading of giddie novelles but to a Burgess 1d. obtain an intreatment to the Municipal Loan Chamber; natheless, in



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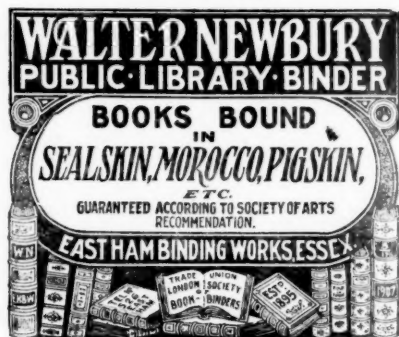
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# **LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION**

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## **A MEETING**

WILL BE HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY, 13th MARCH,**

**AT 7.30 P.M.,**

**At the Bromley Public Library**

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A paper will be read on

**GEOFFREY CHAUCER,**

BY

**MARGARET E. DAY.**

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**All Library Workers are cordially invited.**

# **LIBRARY VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS.**

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The Council of the Library Assistants' Association has decided to make arrangements for receiving applications from librarians needing assistants, and also to register names of assistants seeking new positions. The latter should send a full statement of their age, experience and qualifications, together with an indication of the salary and position (London or Provincial) required. Librarians should state their requirements, as well as the salary offered.

No responsibility in any respect is accepted by the Council or its Officers, the arrangements merely being intended to facilitate the filling of vacancies and as a convenience to Members, to whom any advantages that may accrue are at present limited.

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fairness to the great Samuel, his memory, 'twould be fitting to donate two and a half guineas per annum to the Loan Chamber at my Clubbe. The same hath not been over fructuous of late, and methinks this acte would put me in good countenance with my Lord Plop and the Marquis of Sniggle who are, in sooth, members of no mean accompt.

Much converse did I hold with the attendant damsels who, in faith, did accord me much pleasaunce. Beseemeth me that this vocation holdeth much allurements to Titian haired wenches in that I here made observance of severall to possess ruddie locks.

I now to the Research Chamber, wherein are conducted many matters of great utility pertaining to the much advancement of mental workings—in sooth, a goodlie arraye of moste elegant volumes did there greete mine eye, to my much delight. In particular was I gratified to observe of a Bureau of Enquiere by means telephonique for the better advantagement of commerce men and merchants. 'Tis a mightie fine idea, whereof in the event of my long sojourne in B——, I do intend with all dispatch to advantage me.

Anon I, hearing a great noise of musick and chaunting did hie me thereto, and upon enquiring to a charr-madam who was to worke thereby, as to the portent thereof, I did hear tell of many strange happenings by reason of this warr. Beseemeth it that His Moste Gracious Majestie hath made requisition of many publique buildings to the good nursing of our wounded warriors since many mos. so that various assemblings have by this reason been holden in the Gallerie of Pictures adjoining to the Book Store. To wit, but July ultimo there was displayed a mightie fine assemblage of infants in advertisement for the hygienic betterment of the race. This did much commend itself to me. The aforesaid chaunting may be accompted to the credit of an Evangelique Brotherhood that doth pledge itself to its fellowe creatures, their spiritual uplifting.

Methinks 'tis a right worthe cause. In fine, having regard to the multiple usages of this so celebrated establishment, and the pleasing graces of the wenches, I do repent me of my resolved inditement to the Burgesses in respect of the Newschamber.

I in much content of my survey. And so to dinner with what appetite I may, in keeping of my pledge to the Food Comptroller.

(Signed) SAMUEL PEPYS,  
His Nephewe.

## PROCEEDINGS.

By kind permission of Miss Austin, the February meeting of the Association was held at the National Library for the Blind, on Wednesday, 17th February. In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by the Honorary Secretary, W. Benson Thorne. The minutes of the January meeting having been read and confirmed, a discussion was opened on "The Training of Temporary Assistants," based on the article by Ethel Gerard, which appeared in our December issue. Some interesting points were brought out in the course of the discussion, which was contributed to by most of those present.

In many places, particularly in London, it appeared that considerable difficulty was being experienced in securing suitable temporary female assistants, owing to the higher remuneration offered by Government departments and commercial houses. One speaker gave it as his experience that it was highly necessary that all such assistants should first be trained in ordinary business habits; many exhibited a great lack of the sense of responsibility, and had got into set habits from which it was extremely difficult for them to break away. This difficulty had been successfully overcome in at least one instance by the appointment of younger girls direct from school.

A member of the Association on active service who attended the meeting spoke to the effect that whereas in the early days of the war many girls were led to take up library and other work from purely patriotic motives, conditions had in many cases changed since those days; he was strongly of opinion that it was only due to them that they should receive some definite education which would be of use to them in the days to come.

At least one library had attempted something in the way of definite training. The object, and the methods adopted, which were briefly explained, are as follows. The object is to provide these temporary workers with a definite training in the elements of librarianship interspersed with lessons on office procedure, such as: filing and indexing; the keeping of petty cash and postage accounts; the use of such works as directories, railway guides, etc.; how to use the telephone, and so on. A syllabus of the lessons already given was examined by the meeting with considerable interest. In addition to the above, they included: the elements of library routine, library finance, classification, some quick-reference books, etc.

In concluding the discussion, the Chairman said it was obvious that the best of the temporary assistants should be encouraged to study on general lines, and that their studies should have a bias towards librarianship.

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### SOUTH COAST BRANCH.

A most interesting and well attended meeting of the South Coast Branch was held at the Hove Public Library on January 23rd. Mr. J. W. Lister (Chief Librarian, Hove) presided over an attendance of nearly forty, and the meeting took the novel and original form of a "Magazine Night."

All contributions (of which there were more than twenty in number) were sent to the editress (Miss Gerard) anonymously, and were read at the meeting by various members of the audience. The editorial of the magazine (which was entitled *The Medley*) stated that "It is hoped this 'Magazine' will be a sign, both to our parent association, and to our absent colleagues, that as a branch we are still very much alive and 'carrying on.' It is our ideal when this war is over and our colleagues

return, to show them a branch that has not suffered since their departure, either in membership or funds, through want of any service we can render it. We intend to give them back a branch upon which there will be no need to spend time in reviving dead ideals and failing enthusiasms. They will find us ready to join hands again with them, and with the other branches of our Association, and to push forward for the good of our profession."

The contributions included the following items: "An ideal librarian"; "Samuel Pepys Jun. pays a visit to a Municipal library"; "Small creatures: verses"; "The autobiography of a book"; "Memories of an ideal holiday"; "War time humour in a Sussex Library"; "Education"; "Some superstitions of old England"; "Periodical literature"; "Impressions of an air raid"; "A soldier's prayer: verses"; "Rules" for 'Chiefs'; "The milestones soliloquies"; "Springtime"; "The lighter side of library life"; "Dependableness"; "An ideal library assistant"; "Friendship"; "Some Sussex writers"; "War economy." A ballot was taken after the reading of the papers, and two books, kindly given by Miss Marian Frost (Chief Librarian, Worthing) were given to the writers of the two papers receiving the highest number of votes. The prize winners were Miss M. M. Barnett and Miss W. M. Johnson, both of the Brighton Staff.

Votes of thanks were passed to the writers and readers of the papers, to the Chairman, and Committee of the Hove Public Library, to Mr. and Mrs. Lister and to the staff.

The Chairman in his remarks alluded with special pleasure to the presence of Lieutenant H. S. Wilson, Machine Gun Corps, and Mrs. Wilson. Lieutenant Wilson, formerly of the Hove Staff, having recently won the Croix de Guerre, is the first officer to come home on leave from the Italian front.

At the close of the meeting the members adjourned to the reference library, where, by the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lister, refreshments were provided. This brought to a close a most enjoyable evening and one of the most successful gatherings ever held by the branch.

## LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXAMINATIONS, 1918.

### SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS.

**Section 1. LITERARY HISTORY.**—The Permanent contribution of 1840-70 to English Literature, and its characteristics.

**Section 2. BIBLIOGRAPHY.**—Prepare a select bibliography of English and American literature (during 1800-1900) relating to the Emancipation of Woman, with descriptive notes indicating the relative value, scope, and character of all important works.

**Section 3. CLASSIFICATION.**—Construct a scheme for the local collection of the county in which you live, and make (as a specimen) an index of a small part of such scheme. Or, Modify the Decimal Classification for application to a children's library. State reasons for the principal modifications. Or, Construct a scheme of classification for books on the labouring classes, the conditions under which they work, their welfare and remuneration, and their relations with their employers.

**Note.** Candidates must select *one* of the above subjects.

**Section 4. CATALOGUING.**—An essay on the cataloguing of the literature of commerce, science, and technology.

**Section 5. LIBRARY ORGANIZATION.**—The provision of accessible Scientific and Technical Literature, (books and periodicals: British and foreign,) in this country is at present inadequate. Develop a scheme whereby this inadequacy may be overcome, so that the requirements of the artisan, the student, and the research worker everywhere, may be met economically yet expeditiously.

**Section 6. LIBRARY ROUTINE.**—The aims and objects of organizing local war museums, and collections of war literature in public libraries, and the guiding principles to be observed in the selection and arrangement of books and material for exhibition.

### L.A.A. ROLL OF HONOUR (continued).

#### PROMOTIONS, Etc.

\***W. G. Chambers** (Royal Engineers) has been promoted to the rank of lance-corporal.

**R. M. McLeod**, librarian of the Dunfermline Trust Repository, has been awarded a commission in the Royal Scots.

#### DECORATIONS.

**Sgt. A. White** (R.A.M.C.) of the London Library Cataloguing Staff, has been awarded the Military Medal.

#### DISCHARGED.

\***Lance-Cpl. Richard Haxby**, of the Leeds Public Libraries, has recently received his discharge after having served with His Majesty's Forces for nearly three and a half years. We congratulate him upon his service, and cordially welcome him back to our ranks. Mr. Haxby joined up in September, 1914, with the West Yorkshires; saw service in Egypt, 1915-16, and in France, 1916-17. He was invalided home suffering from concussion and was discharged in January last. It is a pleasure for us also to record that the Leeds Libraries Committee have reinstated Mr. Haxby, and have increased his salary by £30.

#### DIED OF WOUNDS.

\***Pte. E. Mayhew** (Middlesex Regiment) of the Shepherd's Bush Branch of the Hammersmith Public Libraries, has recently died while on active service in Palestine. At the moment of going to press no details are to hand.

\***Bombardier B. E. Rathbone** (R.F.A.) Croix de Guerre, died at a base hospital in France, on Wednesday, Feb. 6, as the result of wounds received on December 31. He was the chief assistant at the Northampton Public

\* Member, L.A.A.



Library, and in 1915 sat for, and passed successfully, his examination in cataloguing held by the Library Association. He enlisted immediately afterwards in the Leicester Howitzer Brigade, and went to France the following January. In February, 1917, he was awarded the Croix de Guerre for conspicuous bravery in maintaining the lines of communication. In September he married Miss B. E. Timson, of Leicester. He was a most popular member of the Libraries' staff, having been engaged by the Libraries Committee since he left school in 1899. He took a keen interest in Library matters, and was a member of the Library Assistants' Association, and of the North Midland Library Association, and possessed three of the Library Association's certificates. He was a conscientious and faithful servant of the Northampton Corporation for nearly 19 years, and in all his letters to his chief, he always enquired about the work of the Library. The funeral took place with military honours in Etaples Cemetery.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of "The Library Assistant."*

DEAR SIR,—Your note on "The future of the L.A.A." in the January issue of *The Library Assistant* stirred me very much, and I sincerely trust that every member of the Association will loyally respond to your call to duty, with regard to their responsibilities towards the Association. At a time when the Association is doing so much for its members, in considering every one on active service an "honorary member" for the duration of the War, one is led to reflect as to what it can be that prevents the hundreds of other assistants who have never yet become members, from taking up membership, and in this connection I should like to be allowed to quote a paragraph from that deservedly popular book—*A Student in Arms*, by Donald Hankey. In the chapter entitled "The Making of a Man," which describes the training of the individuals who formed "Kitchener's Army," the following occurs:—

"He was learning one of the great truths of life, a truth that so many fail to learn—that it is not in isolation but as a member of a body, that a man finds his fullest self-expression: that it is not in self-assertion but in self-subordination, not as an individual, but as one of many brethren . . . that a man finds the complete satisfaction of his instincts, and the highest form of liberty."

I am aware that in addressing a letter to you for your readers, I am preaching to the already converted, to whom the terms of the quoted paragraph do not apply, but if every present member will draw the attention of any confreres who have so far refrained from membership deliberately, to this letter, possibly they may be persuaded to review their position, with results favourable to the Association. It may be that some have never contemplated

the matter from any point of view save that of the immediate return for a subscription paid, which surely is an exceedingly narrow view to take, betokening a limited imagination and a restricted outlook: to such Donald Hankey's wise words may make an appeal, and for that reason I venture to bring them to your notice.

Yours faithfully,

W. T. BROMLEY.

### OBITUARY.

Older members of the Association in particular will be sorry to hear that W. B. McDouall, librarian of the Shepherd's Bush branch of the Hammersmith Public Libraries, has recently died in hospital as the result of an operation. Mr. McDouall was an original member of the Association, and did much useful work on the Committee in its early days. His modest and retiring disposition prevented his becoming prominently known among the members, but for a number of years he was faithful in his duties, attended meetings regularly, and quietly helped forward the work by the exercise of a wise and genial influence. Never of a robust constitution, he suffered a critical illness about 20 years ago, during which life was despaired of, and it is possible that that trial may account for his early demise. Old friends will be greatly grieved at the news, and much sympathy will be felt for the widow, who is a sister of Messrs. H. D. and F. M. Roberts.

### APPOINTMENTS.

ARNOLD G. BURT, acting librarian of Gray's Inn Library, has been appointed borough librarian, Camberwell.

\*MARGARET E. DAY, of the London School of Economics, has been appointed temporary librarian to the Ministry of Food.

\*R. FENLEY, sub-librarian of the Rugby Public Library, has been appointed chief librarian, consequent upon the retirement of Mr. Kenning.

MISS M. HARMAN has been appointed an assistant, Rugby Public Library.

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